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29 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Robert W. Gambino

Director of Security

SUBJECT: Relationships with FBI

- 1. On 28 June 1976 I met with FBI Special Agents Vern Weimar and Joe Deegan, concerning the mini-flap which was precipitated by Jerry Oppenheimer of The Washington Star. The purpose of the meeting was to establish interim guidelines for the Bureau in forwarding information to the Office of Security/CIA pertaining to the safety and security of CIA personnel and installations in the United States.
- By way of background. on 23 June 1976 I received a STAT telephone call from l Office of the Assistant to the DCI, advising me that had received a call from Jerry Oppenheimer of The Washington Star. Oppenheimer apparently told STAT that he had received a copy of an FBI report dated 15 June 1976 which concerned a peaceful demonstration of 16 people in Bowling Green, Kentucky over the trial of the individuals who allegedly killed two FBI agents on an Indian reservation in June of 1975. Oppenheimer's question concerned the propriety of the FBI furnish-STAT ing CIA this type of information.
 - 3. I advised that I had not seen the FBI report but would search for it in Office of Security files; if I found it I would return his call. In addition, I mentioned to in passing that the report did not appear to be of Interest to the Office of Security. A file search was conducted, the report was not found, and I did not return call.
 - 4. The late edition of the 25 June 1976 The Washington Star carried an article by Jerry Oppenheimer in which CIA officials were quoted as stating that the Bureau had been sent a memorandum instructing them not to send this type of information to CIA. The CIA spokesman was quoted to the effect that the FBI had goofed in forwarding this information.

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- 5. I was informed by Messrs. Weimar and Deegan that the matter had been brought to the personal attention of Mr. Clarence Kelley, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, who was very embarrassed by this article. Further, Mr. Kelley directed Special Agents Weimar and Deegan to contact the Agency on 28 June 1976 and develop more definitive guidelines for the dissemination of this type information.
- 6. During the meeting with Special Agents Weimar and Deegan, it was pointed out by them that the FBI was exercising a legal function within their charter when they reported the peaceful demonstration which occurred in Bowling Green, Kentucky on 14 June 1976. Since a number of the demonstrators were carrying placards denouncing the FBI and CIA, CIA was put on distribution. At the present time the FBI is operating under the assumption that any information collected which mentions CIA will be disseminated to CIA. Obviously, that interpretation is too broad and needs to be narrowed.
- 7. I advised Special Agents Weimar and Deegan that this matter should be reduced to writing in the form of a letter from CIA to Director Kelley spelling out with some preciseness the type of information the Director of Security/CIA needs to accomplish his mission. I noted that I would initiate such a memorandum, coordinate within CIA, and forward to the Bureau for their comments. At the conclusion of this coordination I would send a formal request to Director Kelley. Mr. Deegan concurred in the above suggestion with the comment that he would coordinate the draft with the Department of Justice Committee on the Attorney General's Guidelines.
- 8. In the interim, I requested the FBI to furnish the Office of Security/CIA with all information which comes to their attention concerning the safety of CIA personnel and installations in the United States. I advised them that I felt that the Executive Order permitted CIA to receive this information and that CIA would evaluate it upon receipt, destroy it if no further action were indicated, or recontact the Bureau if follow-up action were indicated.
 - 9. The meeting was concluded on a very friendly note.

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